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Portable Bath-Tub.

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Fig: 1

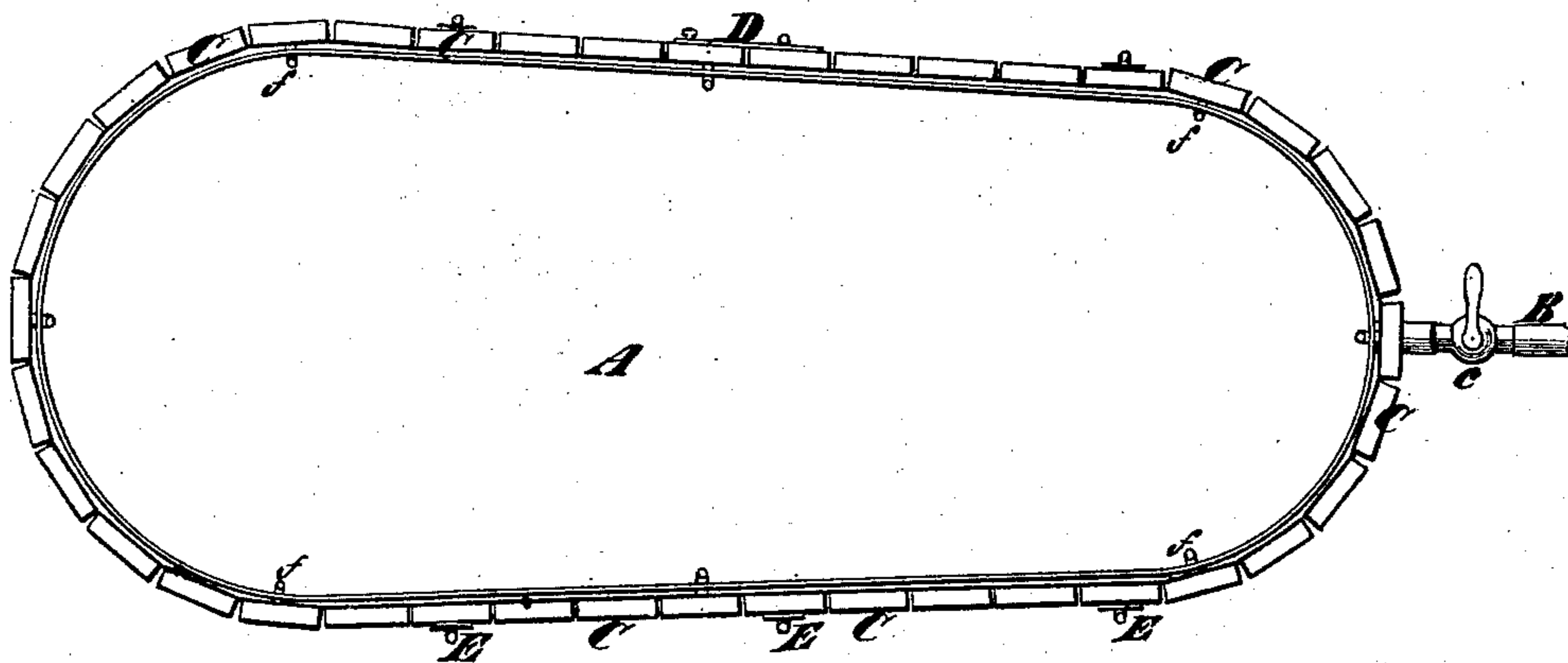


Fig: 2

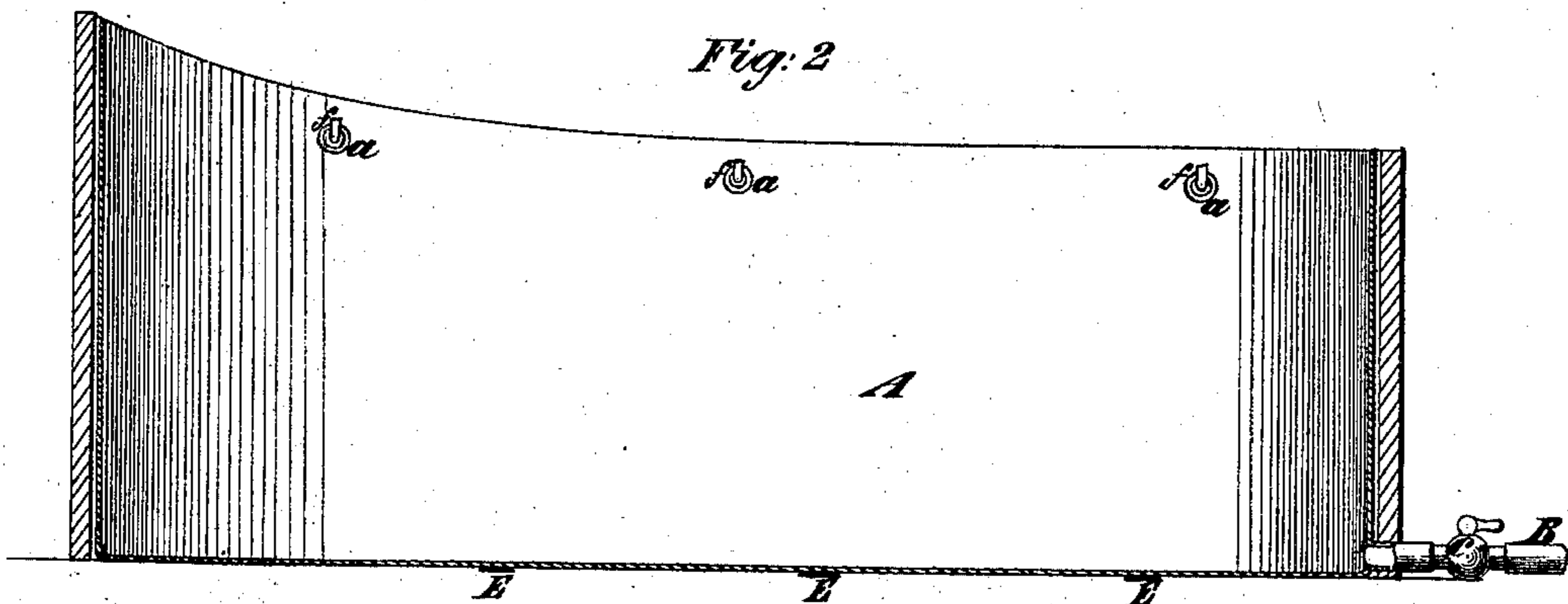
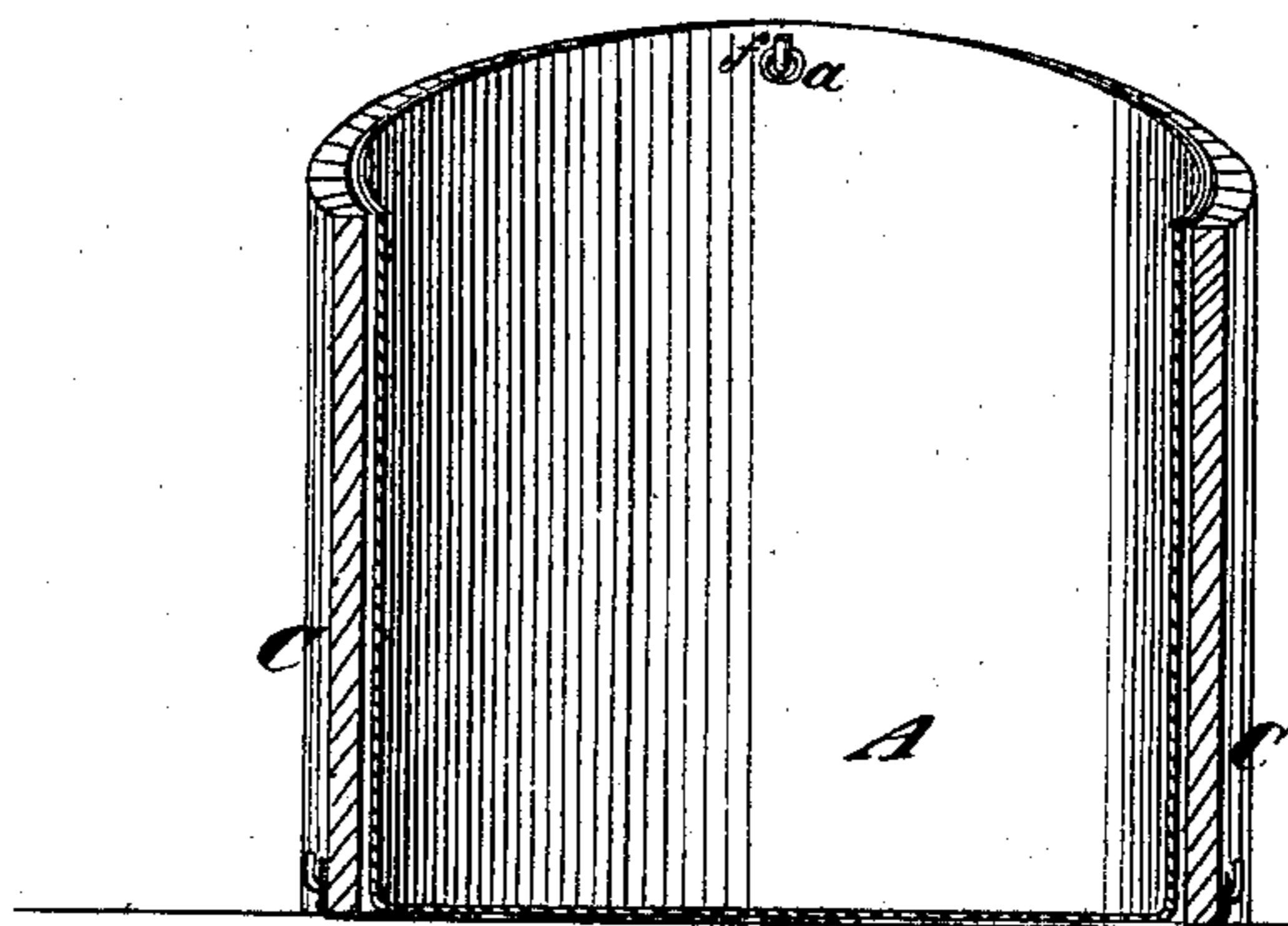


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IMPROVEMENT IN PORTABLE BATH-TUBS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE WHEELER, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented an Improved Portable Bath-Tub, of which the following is a specification:

This invention consists in the combination of a flexible water-tight receptacle furnished with means for filling and discharging, and a slatted belt or sheath surrounding the same, whereby a very good and simple portable bath-tub is produced, which, when not in use, may be rolled into a bundle and so be made to occupy very little space.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a plan or top view of a bath-tub made according to my invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the same, and Fig. 3 is a transverse section thereof.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

A is a water-tight bag-like receptacle, of India rubber or other flexible water-proof material. Its shape is nearly like that of an ordinary bath-tub, and around its upper edge are a series of eyelets, *a a*. It is furnished at the foot with a flexible pipe, B, provided with a cock, *c*. The pipe may serve either as the filling-pipe or the discharge-pipe, or as both. The belt or sheathing which surrounds the aforesaid receptacle is composed of a series of slats of wood or other rigid material secured together by a cloth band, represented in the drawing by a single black line. The ends of this sheath are secured together by means of a suitable clasp, D. The slats C C, opposite the eyelets *a a* in the receptacle A, are furnished with hooks *f f*, which are hooked into the eyelets to secure the bag and its sheathing together. E E are stays or braces fastened to hooks on the lower portion of certain of the

slats C C, to brace or stay the sheathing laterally.

The bath-tub so constructed may be filled with water through the pipe B, by attaching the latter to a wash-basin faucet; or it may be filled by pouring water into it. If preferable, it may also be filled by a pipe leading to its upper portion. After use it may be emptied either through the pipe B, by suitably connecting the latter, or by pouring the water from the bag itself.

When the bath is emptied the sheathing C C may be detached from the bag A, and the latter may then be rolled up into a bundle, and the sheathing may afterward be rolled outside of it, and the two be secured by a strap passing round them. When thus packed the bath takes up very little space, and may easily be transported from place to place. It may be readily put into shape for use by simply removing the strap by which it is secured and then attaching the two by means of the eyelets and stays.

Instead of securing the slats C C together by a band, as previously specified, they may be connected by hinges.

Claims.

1. The combination of the flexible water-tight receptacle A and its slatted sheathing C C, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.
2. The combination with the above of cross-stays E, substantially as and for the purpose herein specified.

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